

Incoming
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Schoo Mine (BLM file UTU-80276, DOGM M/001/0027) Knapweed Outbreak Status

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Hi Jay:

I visited the Schoo Mine site on April 5. The access road is currently washed out to full-size vehicles about a 1/2 mile west of the site just east of the turnoff to the reclaimed Pearl Queen mine site. I walked in from there.

While last year's spraying effort to control the knapweed outbreak undoubtedly prevented many new plants from maturing and going to seed, we are still a long way from being out-of-the-woods on this one. Seed already in the ground from previous years plants will remain viable for a long time and continue to germinate new plants. I took a careful look at the outbreak area and identified numerous juvenile knapweed plants (rosette stage this early in the season). This is to be expected.

You'll need to be thinking about getting a sprayer again this year, but you should wait another a month at least before spraying. This will allow for all the seeds that are going to germinate this year to do so and the plants get to a size that makes them easier to see/identify. The goal is always to get them sprayed before they can mature enough to produce viable seed, which is typically early June. The final solution will problem only come in carefully covering the entire outbreak area with uncontaminated cover, but in the meantime we need to be doing everything we can to limit any new plants from maturing and generating yet more seed stock.

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